

Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology
Board Meeting Teleconference
March 19, 2008

Members John Youngberg, Chairman

Attending: Marty Connell
Jim Davison
Michael Dolson
Todd Graetz

Others Dave Desch, Executive Director

Attending: Jane Todd, Administrative Specialist

I. Call to Order

Chairman Youngberg called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from 11/21/07 Board Meeting

Dave Desch asked for discussion of the minutes of the November 21, 2007, Board meeting.

Motion: Jim Davison moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2007, Board meeting. Marty Connell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor, the minutes were approved as presented.

III. Discussion of Proposals Submitted 3/3/08 and Schedule for Making Funding Decisions

Dave Desch described the procedure used in the past for reviewing proposals and making funding decisions. After some discussion, it was agreed that a series of meetings would be held. At the first meeting, the Board would discuss the proposals, and arrive at a general agreement regarding the relative merits of the proposals. A number of applicants would be invited to make a presentation at the second meeting. At the second meeting, the Board would listen to presentations and would again discuss the relative merits of the applications. A third and final meeting would then be held to make funding decisions.

The following schedule was suggested:

- May 6&7 – Meet in person to evaluate proposals. Determine which applicants will be asked to make a presentation to the Board.
- June 4 – Meet in person to hear presentations and make tentative funding decisions.
- June 18 – Meet by telephone and make final funding decisions

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After further discussion, it was decided to postpone making the schedule final until Board members had a chance to review their calendars.

IV. Other

A brief discussion was held regarding the FY2010 sunset of the MBRCT program. Chairman Youngberg suggested Board members talk to their legislators and others about the program. Mr. Davison stated that the MEDA Board is supporting removal of the sunset and asked Board members to let him know if they are interested in attending meetings in this regard.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Adjourn

Jim Davison moved to adjourn the meeting. Marty Connell seconded the motion and Chairman Youngberg adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Youngberg, Chairman